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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded with the mission to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

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WHEREAS, In 1915, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted its first political action conference with human rights activist and Illinois Congressman Martin B. Madden as the speaker; and

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WHEREAS, Since establishing its headquarters in Chicago in 1949, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s function has become more complex, expanding to mobilize members worldwide for advocacy and service projects to improve socioeconomic, racial, political, and environmental issues; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s diverse collaborative work throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and the United Arab Emirates integrates an elevated level of personal engagement with the strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of community partners; and

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1 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s annual event
2 is an opportunity for members to speak with local lawmakers,
3 engage in workshops, and advocate for critical issues such as
4 Black maternal health, education, and suicide prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois is home to 44 Alpha Kappa Alpha
6 Sorority, Inc. chapters, of which 16 are active chapters
7 located on college and university campuses and 28 are active
8 alumnae chapters located in communities throughout the State;
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10 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s Illinois
11 chapters, along with chapters located throughout Indiana,
12 Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and
13 Wisconsin, are designated as the sorority's Central Region,
14 and this region is home to 96 empowered and engaged chapters
15 focused on advocacy and service; and

16 WHEREAS, Presently, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
17 Sorority, Inc. serves in each chamber of the Illinois General
18 Assembly, including Senator Mattie Hunter and Representative
19 Kim du Buclet; and

20 WHEREAS, Notably, 48th Lieutenant Governor Juliana
21 Stratton, who serves in the State's executive branch, is also

1 a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

2 WHEREAS, On May 1, 2024, Illinois members of Alpha Kappa
3 Alpha Sorority, Inc. will participate in Alpha Kappa Alpha
4 Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Illinois State Capital; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois delegation of Alpha Kappa Alpha
6 Sorority, Inc. will be joined by the Illinois delegation of
7 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for Alpha Kappa Alpha
8 Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Illinois State Capitol in a
9 collective effort to advance the priorities of the respective
10 communities they serve; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare May 1, 2024
14 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day in the State
15 of Illinois.